

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                          |
| Renato CAPONI et al.        | ) | Group Art Unit: 3663     |
| Application No.: 10/568,080 | ) | Examiner: DIACOU, Ari M. |
| Filed: February 13, 2006    | ) |                          |
| For: MULTI-STAGE OPTICAL    | ) | Confirmation No.: 7439   |
| AMPLIFIER OPTIMIZED WITH    | ) |                          |
| RESPECT TO NOISE, GAIN AND  | ) |                          |
| BANDWIDTH                   | ) |                          |

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

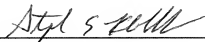
Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to file a reply to the Restriction Requirement dated August 9, 2007. A fee of \$120.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 25, 2007

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